

VOCATIONAL NIGHT SCHOOLS TO BE OPENED

Advanced Steps in Public Education Are Outlined for Richmond.

INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT

Facilities to Be Provided for Those Unable to Complete Full Public School Course—Courses to Train Girls in Homemaking.

scarcely less interest than the opening this week of the city's day schools will be the opening this month of the Richmond night schools. Last year these schools furnished courses of instruction to 1,431 children and adults of the city, providing an efficient teaching corps of 123 instructors in sixteen schools. This year it is reasonably certain that the number of schools will be materially increased, and the total enrollment will go much beyond that of any session in the history of the Richmond night schools.

Opened in 1885, the night schools have played a prominent part in the educational life of the city, except for a period of eight years, when they were closed between 1893 and 1896. Out of proportion to the wonderful growth of Richmond even, they have made notable strides, both in enrollment and equipment and in the development of the curriculum, which has come to embrace everything either for a broad academic education or for helpful vocational training.

NIGHT SCHOOLS HAVE MADE RAPID STRIDES IN ENROLLMENT

With the reopening of the schools in 1908 there were only 211 pupils and five teachers, with no provision made for the training of the city's colored population. Last year, in the John Marshall Night High School alone, there were nearly 2,000 students, with a corps of forty-four teachers, while the colored students in the night schools numbered almost as many, taken care of by a staff of forty teachers.

Prior to 1911, when the John Marshall Night High School was opened, no instruction was given in branches other than elementary subjects, not was there any attempt at vocational training. Since that time commercial and industrial students have been given special attention. The hundreds of Richmond men and boys who work in several trades by day, whether they be printers, machinists, blacksmiths, bakers, carpenters, bricklayers, electricians, plumbers, etc., may study at night, with a competent corps of instructors, whose sole aim it is to make them more efficient in their trades and better equipped to battle with the problems that come into their daily lives. Night schools are about the only schools where vocational training is offered.

CLASSES IN COOKING, NURSING AND SEWING

For the girls courses in cooking, nursing, serving, household decorating, sewing, dressmaking, millinery, novelties, work, salesmanship, typewriting, stenography, and bookkeeping are provided. Thus, not only are the girls who are obliged to earn their living given helpful training in their various vocations, but those who will in the future become makers are made more competent to make home more comfortable.

This year the John Marshall Night High School, under the direction of W. C. Locker, will be given entirely to commercial and academic work. Commercial subjects, including bookkeeping, arithmetic, penmanship, shorthand, typewriting and business English will be taught while, in the academic school, instruction will be given in Latin, Spanish, French and German. The vocational night school classes, under the direction of W. H. McGee, will be conducted in the John Smith school building, and will include the following subjects: millinery, sewing, domestic science, drawing, window card lettering and designing, wood work, machine shop work, journalism, music, trade extension classes for carpenters, molders, plumbers and plasterers.

NIGHT SCHOOLS FOR ELEMENTARY CLASSES

The elementary night schools, where reading, writing, arithmetic, language and history will be taught, will be conducted in the Nicholson, the Belleville Junior High, the Madison schools, and others to be announced later. Teachers have not yet been assigned to these schools.

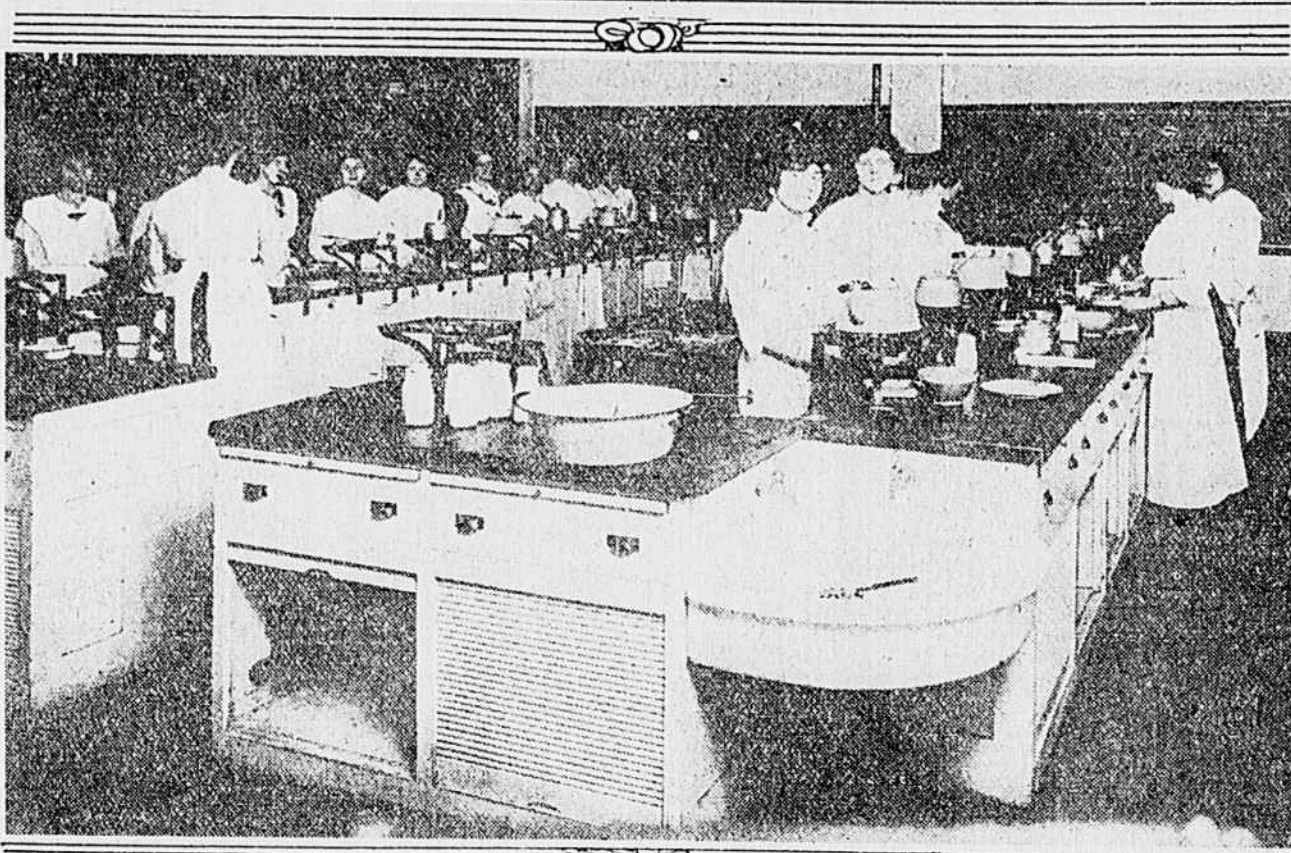
Colored night classes will be conducted in the George Mason, Baker, Armstrong High, Moore, and Maury schools.

Enrollment in the John Marshall Night High School will begin tomorrow for old students, and September 21 for new students. The vocational school enrollment for both new and old students, will be conducted in the John Marshall High School and the John Smith School, September 23 and 24. Enrollment in the elementary schools will begin the last week in September, the dates to be announced later. The plan is to begin registration early, so as to give considerable attention to the classification of children. The policy will be continued of providing instruction to meet the needs of students whenever a sufficient number enroll for the formation of a class.

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN EMPLOYER, PARENT AND SCHOOL

Two features of the work of the John Marshall Night High School are well worth emphasizing. They are the co-

WHERE RICHMOND GIRLS LEARN HOMEMAKING



DOMESTIC SCIENCE CLASS, JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL.

operation between the employer or parent and the school and the savings department.

A complete record is kept of every student, showing grades made in classes, nights present, nights absent, department, employer's report on the student, time spent in home study, etc., and the student having a satisfactory report on these things is accredited with units, just as he is for the completion of academic work. It will be seen that this record calls for a report from the school to the employer and the home each month, and a report from them to the school. When all these forces are brought into harmonious co-operation for the betterment of the student, the powers for doing so are multiplied four-fold. Everybody is watching the student, and he realizes that he is not square unless he is four-square, to himself, to his parents, to his employer and his school.

STUDENTS SAVE THEIR MONEY

The banking feature is this: Every student is encouraged to deposit a part of his earnings in the bank, known as the John Marshall Night High School Savings Department, on which he is paid 2 per cent interest. The funds are deposited in a local national bank at 2 per cent interest. The difference of 1 per cent is appropriated for a prize fund and distributed at the close of the school year in forty-three cash prizes, on the basis of units or credits earned.

The social feature of the night schools, so successful last year, will be extended this season. During the past year the Madison and the John E. Cary Schools were opened on Friday nights for recreational purposes. Boys and girls were admitted to these buildings, under proper supervision, for club work, story telling, indoor games, etc. A reading room and study hall were provided, and talks by prominent citizens were given at intervals along civic, historic and literary lines.

Music Recital.
The opening recital of the Richmond Conservatory of Music will be held in the auditorium of the John Marshall High School Friday evening, September 17, at 8:30 o'clock. An attractive program has been arranged, and the public is cordially invited. No tickets will be required.

DROP JOINT CLAIMS

Property Owners Who Lost by Shockoe Creek Flood Fail to Perfect Organization.

Because some of the property owners who suffered by the recent overflow of Shockoe Creek, evince no inclination to contribute to the expenses of the proposed action against the city, the tentative organization formed several weeks ago has not been deemed permanent.

The heaviest sufferers are convinced that they have a valid claim for damages against the city, but they decline to bear the cost of the proposed suit unless all of the property owners who will benefit by the suit contribute in proportion to their claims.

These claimants have submitted to the tentative organization a proposition to employ as legal counsel Robert E. Scott and Kirk Matthews. Many of the property owners who signed their names to the original list of claimants, however, have not subscribed to the proposition to share the expenses of litigation. Some of those who refuse to come in admit that they are dissatisfied by the opinion given by City Attorney Pollard that the city cannot be held responsible for the damage done by an act of Providence.

LEVY HONORED BY PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Richmond Health Officer Receives Signal Distinction at International Conference on Public Health.

Dr. E. C. Levy, Chief Health Officer, returned yesterday from the American Public Health Association held in Rochester, N. Y., September 7 to September 10, inclusive.

Dr. Levy, who has achieved national distinction by his work in improving health conditions in Richmond, was re-elected secretary of the section of public health officials, an office he has held since the establishment of the section, and was made a member of the board of directors, representing Virginia and West Virginia. He was also elected a member of the executive committee, which is composed of the president, secretary and treasurer and four members elected from the association at large.

The association embraces the United States, Canada, Mexico and Cuba. The next convention will be held in Cincinnati, the date to be fixed by the executive committee.

Three officers of the State Health Department also attended the convention—W. A. Flecker, registrar of vital

statistics; Richard Messer, sanitary engineer; and Dr. Fitzgerald, bacteriologist.

Red Men to Meet.

Indianola Tribe, No. 54, Order of Red Men, will meet tomorrow night for the purpose of discussing plans for a campaign for the increase of the membership of the lodge to 500. The meeting will be held in Toney's Hall, Eleventh and Hull Streets.

Convenes September 21.

The grand jury of the Hustings Court, Part II, convenes September 21, and has before it one of the largest dockets to be faced for several terms. Several of the cases are of more than ordinary importance.

ACCA TEMPLE BAND SERENADES ORPHANS

Concert at Masonic Home Is Greatly Enjoyed by Children of Institution and Their Friends.

On the lawn of the Masonic Home of Virginia, Friday evening, illumined by a score or more of headlights from the automobiles present, Acca Temple Band, under the direction of Burton Mountcastle, gave the children of the institution and their friends a most enjoyable concert. The band was at its best and shows wonderful improvement since its return from California. The overture, "Rustling Leaves" and characteristic fantasia, "The Haunted House," were especially well rendered. At the close of the concert members of the band served ice cream and cake to the children and visitors present. The occasion was a most enjoyable one, and was greatly appreciated by the children of the home and their friends.

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all white schools will meet the superintendent at the office of the County School Board, Stop No. 8, Seven Pluses car line, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock for the purpose of signing contracts and getting supplies. The colored teachers will meet at the same place on Monday morning. On Tuesday there will be a meeting of all white teachers in the county in the auditorium of the Glen Echo School.



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